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Family**

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Sir:

Enclosed for appropriate action by U.S. Patent and Trademark Office personnel is a Brief on Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences under 37 C.F.R. § 41.37. The fee of \$510 for filing a Brief on Appeal (37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(2)) is authorized to be charged in the accompanying papers or, if not, may be charged to Deposit Account number 50-4056 under our order number 7601/81000.

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Expeditious handling of the enclosed Brief on Appeal is respectfully requested. If any questions arise, U.S.P.T.O. officials are invited to contact the undersigned to discuss those questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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